IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 and 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 141, wherein a third identifier identifying the machine which initially produces the video and/or audio material is produced and the second generator associates the second identifiers with the recording medium identifier and the first identifiers and the third identifiers in combination.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 141, wherein the second identifiers are unique.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 141, wherein the first identifiers are recorded on the medium.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 141, wherein the first identifiers comprise material reference numbers.

Claim 7 (Original): A system according to claim 6, wherein the first identifiers are recorded in user bits of time codes.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 141, wherein the recording medium identifier is recorded on the medium.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 141, wherein the medium is contained in a housing.

Claim 10 (Original): A system according to claim 9, having a data store supported by the housing and additional to the medium, and wherein the data store stores at least the medium identifier.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 10 wherein at least one first identifier is stored in the data store.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 3, having a data store supported by the housing and additional to the medium; and wherein the third identifier is recorded in the said data store.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 9, wherein the housing has a label on which data may be written.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 141, wherein the medium is contained in a housing and, wherein the medium identifier is written on the housing.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 3, further comprising a database processor arranged to associate the second identifiers with at least the first identifiers or with the first identifiers and one or more of the medium identifiers and third identifiers.

Claims 16-132 (Canceled).

Claim 133 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 4, wherein the second identifiers are universally unique.

Claim 134 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 133, wherein the second identifiers are UMIDs.

Claims 135-140 (Canceled).

Claim 141 (Previously Presented): A video and/or audio signal processing system comprising:

a recorder configured to record video and/or audio material on a recording medium, the recorder including,

a first generator configured to generate first material identifiers for identifying respective pieces of material on the medium such that each piece is differentiated from other pieces on the medium,

a second generator configured to generate second identifiers for pieces of material, the second identifiers being generated in accordance with the first material identifiers and a recording medium identifier for identifying the recording medium upon which the material is recorded, and

a metadata generator configured to generate semantic metadata describing an attribute of the material, the semantic metadata associated with a corresponding first material identifier and the recording medium identifier, the semantic metadata including descriptive information about an actual content of the material, and the

metadata generator configured to assign the semantic metadata into different

categories and to prioritize recording of each of the different categories such that high

priority categories are recorded a greater number of times then low priority categories.

Claim 142 (Previously Presented): A video and/or audio signal processing system

comprising:

a recorder configured to record video and/or audio material on a recording medium,

the recorder including,

a first generator configured to generate first material identifiers for identifying

respective pieces of material on the medium such that each piece is differentiated

from other pieces on the medium,

a second generator configured to generate second identifiers for pieces of

material, the second identifiers being generated in accordance with the first material

identifiers and a recording medium identifier for identifying the recording medium

upon which the material is recorded, and

a metadata generator configured to generate semantic metadata describing an attribute

of the material, the semantic metadata associated with a corresponding first material identifier

and the recording medium identifier, the semantic metadata including descriptive information

about an actual content of the material, and the metadata generator configured to generate

non-semantic metadata, to estimate an importance of the semantic metadata and the non-

semantic metadata, and to prioritize recording of the respective metadata on a basis of the

estimated importance such that high importance categories are recorded a greater number of

times then low importance categories.